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SUBJECT: DUKE PORTER

REF: SAN JOSE 3233

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1. BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY A/SY THROUGH DISCREET INQUIRIES OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL SOURCES IN THE MIAMI, FLA. AREA, IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT JOHN FREDERICK PORTER, AKA: DUKE PORTER DID IN FACT TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING THE VESCO GROUP IN THE USE OF DEMOLITIONS. MIAMI SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE HE HAS NOT LEFT THE UNITED STATES IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT PORTER HAS ANY TRAINING OR EXPERTISE IN THE USE OF DEMOLITIONS.

2. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY HARD THREATS AGAINST THE EMBASSY,
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THE DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT AN INTERVIEW OF PORTER WOULD NOT

BE PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT
PORTER IS AWARE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AND IN PARTICULAR SY'S
INTEREST IN HIS POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE VESCO GROUP
AND IT IS FELT THAT SHOULD SUCH A CONNECTION ACTUALLY EXIST

PORTER'S KNOWLEDGE SHOULD HAVE AN INHIBITING EFFECT ON
ANY PLANNED ACTION AGAINST THE EMBASSY.

3. SEVERAL INQUIRIES ARE OUTSTANDING, AND EMBASSY WILL
BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CHECKS.
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